Schemes to Refinance and Restructure SSIs

*680. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :

SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to launch schemes to refinance and restructure small and medium enterprises in order to encourage and boost their growth in accordance with the proposal drawn by the National Small Scale Industries Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it would be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (DR. C.P. THAKUR) : (a) The National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) has not drawn up any proposal to refinance and restructure small and medium enterprises. However, a proposal for the business restructuring of NSIC in order to make it responsive to the needs of small enterprises and to improve its delivery mechanism was under consideration of the Government. The Government has approved the business restructuring of NSIC.

(b) the salient features of NSIC's business restructuring are:-

— A focused sectoral approach,

— Upgrading of identified sectors in terms of product design, quality control, packaging, marketing and links to global markets,

— Identification of potential players in each sector,

— Assigning a Cluster Development Manager in a selected cluster,

— Providing on line trade leads and information through NSICs Informediary Services.

(c) NSIC has initiated action to reach out to a large number of SSI units through the concept of cluster development in selected sectors. Cluster Development Managers have been posted in 26 locations.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Cases Registered by CBI

4952. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases registered by CBI during last three years;

(b) the number of raids conducted; and

(c) how many persons were booked in those cases and the extent of recoveries made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE) : (a) The number of cases registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) during the calendar years 2000, 2001 and 2002 was 1116, 1105 and 1159, respectively.

(b) The CBI carries out searches for apprehending and detecting corrupt officials at various levels. A total of 2,734 searches were conducted by the CBI during the last 3 years.

(c) Data on the number of persons involved in these cases is not maintained separately. However, 5158, 5520 and 3840 persons were involved in the years 2000, 2001 and 2002, respectively, in the total cases registered by the CBI. In the searches conducted by the CBI, in these respective years, cash, movable and immovable property worth approximately Rs. 7 crore, 18.50 crore and 32 crore were seized or detected.

Khadi Artisans in Uttaranchal

4953. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :–

(a) the number of Khadi Artisans in Uttaranchal as on date, district-wise; and

(b) the details of the welfare measures Government have extended to these Artisans ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM) : (a) The number of Khadi Artisans in Uttaranchal, district-wise, is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) The Khadi programme is regulated by a set of certification rules, under which provisions have been made for Artisans 'Welfare Fund and Artisans' Benefit Fund for the welfare of spinners and weavers engaged in Khadi programme, which is applicable to Uttaranchal also.